

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
February 20, 2022 – 10:30 am

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Central Queens' Mission Statement

Central Queens United Church is a loving and living community called to support the life stages of all people; celebrating joy and sharing in pain. Through faith and fellowship, we are united by God's love to live and serve as Disciples of Christ.

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation

*Introit A Light is Gleaming VU #82 (Chorus)

*Call to Worship

Where do we find you, Holy One, and how do we follow?

Find me at your table,

We'll share your food

Find me in your resources,

We'll share your riches

Find me in your power,

We'll share your mercy

Find me in your pain,

We'll share your forgiveness

Find me in your generosity,

We'll share all and expect nothing in return

In community, seek my holiness,
We follow you in love, generosity, joy

In the world, share my desire:

We follow you in justice, mercy, peace for all.

Hymn I Sing the Mighty Power VU #231

Prayer of Approach

Holy One, you are deep within our world, calling us to join you in creating abundant life for all. Open our hearts to recognize you. Free us to trust your call and follow; enable us to repent and forgive, and join in your work to make "all things new".

With Jesus, we share in the ancient prayer...

Responsive Reading – Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 VU #763

*Hymn Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands VU #570 vs 1

All God's Children

* Hymn Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands VU #570 vs 2

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Offertory

*Presentation of Offering What Can I Do MV #191

*Offertory Prayer

Accept these gifts, we humbly pray, O God.

Let them give you honor and glory as we serve the needs of your people. Amen

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Mark 7:24-37

Anthem

Sermon *The Work of Forgiveness*

Reflective Music Selection

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Responding to the Word

*Hymn When Pain of the World VU #598

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New MV #115

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers

All of us

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A Warm Welcome to All – We are delighted you've joined us. May God's word today strengthen your faith, inspire curiosity and learning, and motivate your service of others. All are welcome.

Life and Work of Our Church

Greg's Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am – 12 pm. If anyone is in the hospital or would like a visit from Greg, please call him at 902-964-2291. If you wish to meet with Greg outside the scheduled hours, please call 902-964-2291 or email minister@cquc.ca for an appointment.

In-Church Services: Registration and masks are **required**. To register, please call 902-964-2221 or email office@cquc.ca. If you are registering **after Thursday morning**, please text or call Velda at 902-940-7674. Thank you.

Election of Elders will be from today, February 20th – Sunday, March 6th. Be sure to pick up your ballot and deposit it in the silver box in the foyer. Thank you.

E-Transfers – Central Queens United Church is set up to accept E-Transfers. If you wish to give your offerings through E-Transfer, please send via email to veldabertram@gmail.com.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date will be Sunday, March 6th. You can reach Janet Howes by email (jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. February's promotion is Swiss Chalet / Montana's 7%. Also, Home Hardware has increased to 3.5% going forward.

Sunday Worship Cancellations – In the event of inclement weather, an announcement will be made by radio on Ocean 100 by 9 am. It will also be posted on our website and Facebook page.

Annual Report – The following were omitted from the Session Report. Those who transferred their membership to Central Queens United Church:

Robert Cummings
Meryl Cummings
Ellen Davis
Patrick Davis
Timothy Davis
Mark Douglas
Nathan Foster
Linda Hibbs

Those who became members through Confirmation:

Crosby Andrews
Finn McCourt
Gabriel Taweel

Weekly Bulletins can be sponsored by you in celebration or remembrance of a loved one. There is a signup sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

Bookworms United will be held this Wednesday, February 23rd, at 10:30 am in the church parlour. For more information, please contact Liz Spangler at spangler@upei.ca.

Bulletin Deadline – Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday** evening. Bulletin items can be emailed to office@cquc.ca.

Mission & Service – There has been a rising number of Canadian families who can't make ends meet. Since COVID struck, visits to Canadian food banks have climbed 20 percent. Already, over 33 percent of food bank users are children. In 2022, food prices are predicted to rise another 5 to 7 percent. Let's do more to support our friends and neighbours living in Canada. Support families by giving the gift of a meal through our Mission & Service partners. A gift of just \$25 will provide a family of four with a warm, nutritious meal. \$50 will support a family with two meals. \$175 will ensure a family can eat a good, healthy meal every day of the week. Make a gift today at www.canadahelps.org!

Senior Survey Re: Healthy Aging – The research lab of Dr. Jessica Strong, Dr. Olive Bryanton, and Dr Bill Montelpar at UPEI are inviting individuals aged 65 years and older to complete their survey. This survey is to understand the supports that seniors need to maintain and improve their health and social well-being as well as to understand the continued interdependency that happens within families and communities. This survey takes approximately 30-60 minutes to complete and can be done on-line or by phone. The information collected will help the provincial government to develop policies, services and programs to foster healthy aging. For more information, please contact the lab at strongresearchlab@gmail.com or (902) 566-0941. Online survey link: <https://survey.upei.ca/index.php/487114/lang-en>
To complete the survey over the phone, please email strongresearchlab@gmail.com with your name and phone number.

Think on These Things

If you are ever plagued with doubt,
And question whether God's about,
Try thinking on some simple things;
You'll be surprised the peace it brings –
A sleeping child; a summer's day;
A puppy, awkward in its play;
The clean, washed air that follows rain;
A diamond-frosted windowpane;
An apple tree all pink and white;
The stillness of a starlit night;
A fire crackling on the hearth;
The smell of freshly spaded earth;
A trail you knew once long ago;
A picket fence high-capped with snow;
A song your mother used to sing –
Why you can pick most anything
And you will find your answer there –
It's still God's world – He's everywhere!

By: Helen Lowrie Marshall

Mission & Service – Love the way God loves. That’s arguably what Jesus’ whole ministry was about, and it’s summarized in his most travelled quote: “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’” (Matthew 22:37–39)

We want to thank you—our amazing Mission & Service supporters—for showing love for neighbours at home and around the world. Thank you for turning compassion into action.

Since the pandemic struck, you have helped raise over \$500,000 in emergency gifts to support Mission & Service partners. Your generosity helps deliver personal protective equipment, distribute food, install sanitation stations, and support education programs to help prevent and control the spread of the virus.

What’s more, through our Gifts with Vision catalogue, we have provided over 8,360 full vaccinations to those who need them most across the globe.

Altogether, that’s over \$750,000 in COVID relief. Amazing!

Once again this year, your local region will receive \$240,000 to support Mission & Service partners near you. From coast to coast, our partners are helping record numbers of families in need. Your generosity through Mission & Service is providing shelter to Canadians without a home, serving nutritious meals to families struggling to make ends meet, offering critical pastoral care in hospitals and schools, and extending life-changing education and job training opportunities.

Thank you for joining with members across our United Church to show and share love. Thank you for loving your neighbour. Your generosity is a blessing.